

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A gel composition for protein and calcium supplementation comprising the following components and having a pH in the range of 3 to 4:

Protein or its hydrolysate that does not coagulate at	
pH 3 to pH 4	3 - 8 wt.%
Calcium	0.1 - 0.5 wt.%
Acidulant	0.5 - 3 wt.%
Carbohydrate	4 - 20 wt.%
Fat	0 - 5 wt.%
Emulsifying agent	0 - 0.5 wt.%
Agar	0.1 - 1 wt.%
Water	65 - 90 wt.%

2. (original): The gel composition according to claim 1, further comprising 0.1 to 20 wt.% of at least one masking agent selected from the group consisting of fruit juice, fermented milk, hard-to-digest dextrin, reduced hard-to-digest dextrin, nigerooligosaccharide and trehalose.

3. (currently amended): The gel composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further comprising vitamin D in an amount of 0.1×10^{-6} to 10×10^{-6} wt.%.

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4. (currently amended): The gel composition according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~
claim 1, wherein the protein that does not coagulate at pH 3 to pH 4 is at least one member
selected from the group consisting of whey protein concentrates, whey protein isolates, desalted
whey, and protein hydrolysates having a number average molecular weight of 500 to 10000.